

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Notice of Allowance dated June 5, 2008 in which claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9 13-15, and 17 were allowed in view of Examiner's proposed amendments to claims 1, 9, 13, 15, and 17.

Applicant has no objection to the substance of the Examiner's proposed amendments to claims 1, 9, 13, 15, and 17. However, Applicant has amended claims 1, 9, 13, 15, and 17 for purpose of clarity and/or for providing proper antecedent basis. Claim 4 has also been amended to provide proper antecedent basis. Applicant's claim 1, 4, 9, 13, 15, and 17 amendments are provided in the Listing of the Claims. Pursuant to MPEP §714.16(d), these amendments should be entered because they merely implement formal changes in the claims without changing the scope thereof. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the claim amendments provided in the Listing of the Claims be entered.

If there are any issues which the Examiner believes can be resolved through a Supplemental Response of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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